(c) the progress achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has explored the areas coming under submergence of Pulchintala (Nalgonda and Guntur districts) and Veligonda projects (Prakasam district).

(b) and (c) During the last two years, 20 archaeological sites dating from megalithic to medieval period were discovered in the Pulichintala Project area and 28 sites dating from prehistoric to the late medieval period were noticed in the Veligonda project area.

The proposals for excavation at potential megalithic sites are under preparation.

Loans disbursed by banks in Jharkhand

†1370. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of loans disbursed to various sectors by commercial banks in Jharkhand;

(b) the ratio of amount of loan as compared to deposits in the commercial banks in Jharkhand;

(c) the extent to which this ratio is less or more as compared to National ratio; and

(d) the steps Government are taking to increase the flow of loans in various sectors in Jharkhand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) As reported by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), details regarding the total amount of loans disbursed to Agriculture, SSI and Services sectors by the schedule commercial banks during the financial year 2005-06 are as under:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(*Amount Rs. in Crores*)

Sectors	Targets fixed for disbursal of loans	loans disbursed	% of achievement to the targets
Agriculture	594.15	553.76	93.20
SSI	446.55	366.39	82.05
Services	926.68	981.02	105.86
TOTAL:	1967.38	1901.17	96.63

(Source: Data obtained from Regional Office of RBI)

(b) and (c) The Credit Deposit Ratio (CD Ratio) of the scheduled commercial banks in Jharkhand has shown an increase from 30.55% in 2004-05 to 33.66% in 2005-06. The All India CD Ratio during this period was 66.04% and 72.50%, respectively.

(d) The credit flow in the State depends upon various factors, including (i) availablity of adequate infrastructure facilities, (ii) development of core sector projects, large and medium industries, entrepreneurial initiatives, (iii) credit absorption capacity of the State, (iv) conducive atmosphere for investment and (v) satisfactory recovery position of banks' due.

RBI has advised the convenor banks of the States to monitor the issue of CD Ratio in the State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBCs) Meetings and identify measures for enhancing the CD Ratio. RBI have also issued necessary instructions advising banks to set up Special sub-Committees (SSCs) of the District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC) in Districts having CD Ratio of less than 40, in order to monitor the CD Ratio and draw up Monitorable Action Plans (MAPs) to increase the CD Ratio.

Fiscal deficit

1371. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has reportedly said that country's fiscal deficit faces the prospect of going out of control;

(b) whether it is a fact that in the first four months of the current fiscal year alone, the fiscal deficit has crossed Rs. 90,678 crore representing 61 per cent of the total forecast for the year; and